

DECD DIRECTORY

Office of Business Development

207-624-9800 | www.maine.gov/decd

Office of Community Development

207-624-7484 | www.maine.gov/decd

Maine Office of Tourism

207-624-7483 | www.visitmaine.com

Maine International Trade Center

207-541-7400 | www.mitc.com

Maine Technology Institute

207-582-4790 | www.mainetechnology.org

Red Tape Hotline



207-624-7486

If your business needs assistance with licensing and permitting; or has questions regarding rules and regulations, please call our **Red Tape Hotline**.

*If you've got business
questions, we've got*



1-800-872-3838

Let our knowledge and expertise go to work for you! Whether you're starting a new business or already operating one in Maine, **Business Answers** is here to help. We provide you with information about federal and state programs and requirements, and about business assistance services available at the local and regional levels. Just call, write or visit our website to learn more. If you've got business questions, we've got business answers!

If we can't answer your questions right away, we'll do the research or put you in touch with the people who can. And although we're unable to provide legal counsel, we can refer you to the qualified business counseling or guidance programs offered throughout the state.

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George C. Gervais, Commissioner

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Letter from the Governor

Dear Job Creator,

Maine is an extraordinary place to live, raise a family and grow a business. From our strong communities to our legendary workforce born of Yankee ingenuity, to our vibrant private sector and our excellent transportation and telecommunications networks, Maine is “open for business.”

I have spent my time as Governor making Maine a more inviting state to do business. By working to lower energy costs, eliminating red tape and streamlining licensing and permitting, my policies are making the state a friendlier partner for businesses.

The state is not in the business of creating new jobs; rather, we are here to work with you in creating those jobs. The fewer obstacles in your way, the greater success you will have.

Thank you for all the work you do in making Maine’s economy strong. Please use the resources outlined here to help you build a stronger business.

Sincerely,



Paul R. LePage
Governor



Governor's Account Executives

The **Governor's Account Executives** are liaisons to the economic development resources available throughout the state, and are the points of contact for businesses looking to start up, expand, or relocate in Maine; and who may need assistance with programs, policies, funding and awareness of state resources.

Each **Account Executive** is assigned a territory and works collaboratively with:

- Local and regional economic development representatives and organizations;
- Business assistance programs and support organizations;
- Chambers of commerce and local career centers; as well as,
- The Governor's office, state agencies and federal lawmakers.

Account Executive involvement with businesses will vary depending on the need, but will often include:

- Assistance with site location, and permitting and licensing issues; and,
- Discussion on available funding sources, state incentive programs and marketing ideas.

Their focus is to facilitate access to existing services to resolve business-related issues and make it easier for job creators to access those resources. More importantly, the **Governor's Account Executives** listen to the issues businesses are facing and bring that information back to the Governor who can help remove obstacles that impede business development and job creation.



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